

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

## April 5, 2018

President Peter Winters called the April Executive Board Meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 7 PM.

In attendance were Peter Winters W4GHP, Shannon Boal K4GLM, Susan Tipton K9PDL, Jeff Capehart W4UFL, Bob Guertin W1GLV, Gregory Sporer KM4OCZ, Vann Chesney AC4QS, Larry Rovak WB2SVB, and Ron Smith KJ4HBF. Also in attendance was Gus Clifton KK4ACAS.

Sickness/Health and Welfare: No new news from or about Walt Johnston, but he is still doing well. The ARRL Silent Key List published in the monthly QST magazine has been notified about the passing of Sam Ullman K4VZD, and Ed Sills AF4VC. Sam's call sign will be retired and Ed's call sign is hopefully going to pass to his grandson who is a Technician license holder.

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer had nothing to report

Webmaster's report: The webmaster said all is good.

ARES report: a C.E.R.T. (Citizens Emergency Response Team) class will be held sometime between April and June 2018. The class will be sponsored by and held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of Alachua County. In addition, the Alachua County Emergency Manager needs the names of the participants and the equipment that was used during the activation for hurricane Irma. This data is needed to complete the paperwork involved in the activation. Jeff Capehart W4UFL is collecting this data for the Emergency Manager. The next ARES meeting will be April 11, 2018 at Gordon Gibby's KX4Z, house. The meeting will focus on testing VHF and HF radios and antennas to use for future Win Link operations.

Repeater trustee/VP: repeaters are working fine. He mentioned that people are asking about setting up a Win Link frequency for use. The Repeater Trustee indicated that he would consider such a request.

**A motion was put to the board to investigate setting up an echo link station within the next year. It was seconded and approved.**

President's Report:

The president and vice president are assembling data to present to Rob Carr of WRUF to obtain his help in the GARS desire to split the combined 146.985/444.925 antenna into separate antennas with separate feed lines.

**A motion was put to the board to make Ron Smith KJ4HBF, a full board member for the balance of the late Sam Ullman's term. It was seconded and approved.**

Gus Clifton KK4ACA spoke about the 5 Points of Life Marathon news article that was supposed to be in the March 2018 North Florida ARRL Newsletter. Due to an unfortunate mix-up it will not be printed until the April newsletter. He also spoke about the March for Babies event on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He does not have the route map for the walk but is hoping to get it soon. He mentioned that he also needs to get parking passes for all the volunteers who will be working at the walk from the March of Babies office.

Hamfest Report: Larry Rovak has obtained his goal of obtaining enough tables for the event. Now what he needs is a crew of younger individuals to help wet up on Friday afternoon April 20<sup>th</sup> and to effect takedown on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> after the event. The sum of \$100.00 has been generously donated by a club member to help in this regard. It was suggested that the Waldo First Baptist Youth Group be contacted and offered the donation in exchange for their help. Such a request will be made by Larry.

Additionally Larry displayed the Yaesu FT-65R Handheld Radio that was purchased as the Grand Door Prize from Ham Radio Outlet in Atlanta, GA. HRO donated a 2018 Repeater Directory as an additional prize for the purchase that GARS made. ARRL has generously given GARS several \$50.00 and \$25.00 gift certificates as prizes. Larry is collecting other items to be given as door prizes that are similar to prizes that we have given out in the past.

#### New Business:

The ballots for the election for the North Florida Section Manager have been mailed by the ARRL. If you have not already received yours, it will be coming soon. Please do not forget to vote, thank you.

The June Executive Board Meeting will not be held at Bob's house, as he will be out of town. An alternate location will be announced soon.

#### Programs:

April: Hamfest preparations.

May: Open at present

June: Field Day preparations.

**A motion was put to the board to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded and approved at 8:15 PM.**

**May God bless you, and God Bless America.**

Gregory C. Sporer, Secretary, GARS